

This Week

Sunday, April 7th, 2019

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM Nursery Care Available
9:10 AM Adult Ed
10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM Epic (Youth Group)
10:00 AM Godly Play
11:30 AM Coffee Hour
12:00 PM Street Chaplaincy
5:00 PM Catechumenate

Tuesday, April 9th 2019

7:30 PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, April 10th 2019

10:30 AM Rector's Aid
8:30 PM Compline

Thursday, April 11th 2019

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 14th 2019

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:00 AM Nursery Care Available
9:10 AM Adult Ed
10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM Epic (Youth Group)
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Do you want to add an event to the church calendar? Contact the church office : Office@Christchurchseattle.org

This Sunday

Spiritual Quest II

Spiritual Quest II will meet Sunday, April 14th, from 11:30-12:30 in the Library to discuss pages 105-135 of Helen Greaves' *Testimony of Light*. Our next book is Dante's *Inferno*. Questions? Talk with Owen Ewald, convenor.

Catechumenate

Water and Fire, our catechumenate class continues throughout Lent with a focus on the meaning(s) of Baptism and the Eucharist. It a season of self-searching, where we ask what it truly means for our particular lives to commit to Christ and Christ's Church. We meet in the Undercroft from 5-6:45. Simple soup supper and free child care provided. If you would like to support our group of seekers and this ministry of growth, please consider contributing food to nourish our bodies as we cultivate our souls in community. Contact Lou Cabeen or Sean Hudspeth if you can help. Thanks

Walking for Street Chaplaincy

Street Chaplaincy is a response to the call to provide for the "least of these." Every Sunday, we walk the Ave and distribute survival supplies - food, water, and other necessities - to folks on the street. Our wish list is at <https://bit.ly/CECSList>. We leave around noon every Sunday, and would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, contact Wes Ono or Rev. Shelly.

Godly Play Story Schedule

April 7th	The Faces of Easter Parts 1-7
April 14th	Jesus and the Twelve
April 21st	The Crosses
April 28th	Easter Eggs

Easter Altar Flowers

Envelopes are in the pews for Easter Altar flowers. Either memorials or thanksgivings are appropriate and any amount is appreciated. Please write the bulletin information clearly on the envelope or on a piece of paper in the envelope. Turn in to the collection plate or to Betsy Voelker's mail box by the office. Donations received by Palm Sunday, April 14th will appear in the Easter bulletins. If you have any questions please contact Betsy Voelker. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Vestry Meeting, April 9th

Many organizations that serve the homeless and needy in the U District are facing the loss of their own homes. They have been renting space in buildings that are scheduled for demolition, to be replaced by higher-rent buildings. We at Christ Church are engaged in contemplation and discussion about how to best use our space to carry out our mission, which we are currently trying to discern. There are many options and opportunities from which to choose. We will be making the choice(s) during the Easter season. The Vestry has decided that one of its main responsibilities this year is to complete AND BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION of our vision. As part of its work to prepare for this huge responsibility, the Vestry has invited one organization to the next Vestry meeting to describe its mission and activities and how it might make use of some of our space. The organization is Peace in the Streets by Kids from the Streets (PSKS). In addition to office space, they need appropriate space to house homeless kids. Wow! Many thoughts of upsides and downsides quickly emerge. But this may be the path that God has laid for us. Whatever we finally decide to do with our buildings, we will want the input of those members of the Parish who are concerned about which options we consider and our final decision. All members of the Parish are welcome to attend any Vestry meeting. The upcoming meeting, with representatives from PSKS early on the agenda, will be an important step on the path. If you are concerned about the issue of future building use and how the Vestry handles it, we will welcome your attendance at the Vestry's meeting this coming Tuesday, April 9, at 7:30 PM.

Gene Leonardson
Senior Warden

Palm Sunday is coming!

This year, on April 14, we will again celebrate in procession the joy of Jesus's entry in Jerusalem with a glad parade at Christ Church! You are invited to bring branches from home of any kind - rosemary, cedar, Doug fir. Anything that can wave and dance in the air as we walk and sing our way through the U District. We will have a particularly Pacific Northwest Palm Sunday. You are also warmly invited to bring extras for those who cannot bring any

Easter Vigil reception

There will be a reception in Wilson Hall following the Easter Vigil service on April 20th. It will include cake and festive beverages—if you'd like to bring other food to share please let Kathy know.

Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 21st

Celebrate Easter at coffee hour after the 10:00am service.

Please bring your favorite brunch casserole, cooked/baked and ready to be reheated, to the Undercroft before the service. Prefer to bring fresh fruit or veggies and dip? That's fine too!

Forms will be available to identify food allergy/sensitivity ingredients

Please contact Kathy Bowie to let her know what you are bringing.

Children's Easter Joys

We invite all children old and new, visiting or regulars, to join us in the nave after a bit of coffee hour on Easter for a story and hunt for red eggs. Small treasures and glee for all. For questions or accommodation needs, please contact kids@christchurchseattle.org

Baby Shower, April 28th

On April 28 at Coffee Hour, the people of Christ Church are invited to help Chris and Amanda McPeak celebrate the upcoming arrival of their baby! A link to their official gift registry is forthcoming, and prayers are always a lovely gift, too!

2019 Summer Camps at Camp Huston, Gold Bar

Camp Huston, the Diocese of Olympia's summer camp, will offer multiple sessions this summer. Situated on 70 beautiful acres in the foothills of the Cascade mountains, campers spend the session in age-based "discovery groups", learning more about nature, more about God, and more about themselves. Activities include hiking, swimming, team-building, worship, camping in tents, and lots of games and songs!

Printed copies of camp brochures are available near the Chapel entrance. Or visit <http://huston.org/summer-camp/> for information, including a link to the full print brochure, and to register online.

Campers: Grow into leaders, discover your place in nature, build self esteem, and have fun!

At Camp Huston, campers can expect: games, songs, hikes, team-building, camp outs, archery, swimming, crafts, campfires, variety shows, dances, friends, nature and fun! Specialty sessions such as horse camp, theater camp, international discovery, mini camp, and counselor training are also offered. Every evening closes with a chapel/worship service, planned by a different discovery group each day. An Episcopal priest from the Diocese of Olympia is onsite during every session to provide counsel, help with program activities and plan chapel services. See the brochure for a full list of summer programs.

Join Camp Huston for summer camp **Open House** on **May 19, 2019** from 12 to 3pm. There will be tours of the property and a community BBQ. It's a great opportunity to see the cabins, walk the trails, and meet some of the staff before summer. Bring your friends and family to celebrate the beginning of summer.

Any family affiliated with an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Olympia is eligible for **financial assistance**, regardless of their circumstance. For "campership" scholarship information contact Julien at office@christchurchseattle.org. NOTE: We cannot arrange camperships until after you register. Check the box indicating you will request a campership from the parish and then provide us with the following information:

- Child's full name; name of family member paying 1/3 of the fee.
- Session/date the child is registered for.

We will then ask for 1/3 the fee from the Bishop's fund and draw 1/3 of the fee from the parish fund. Allow sufficient time to make these arrangements.

If you have a question, want to know more about scholarships, or would like to have a conversation about summer camp, call 360-793-0441 or email info@huston.org. Camp Huston is accredited by the American Camping Association, and a registered nurse is onsite during all program hours.

Prayer Project Update

Happy Fifth Sunday in Lent; next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. I hope that your Lenten journey continues to be fruitful and that you have had some time to deepen your connection to God... and I can't wait to hear about it!

Last Sunday, for week four of our Lenten Prayer Project, Mother Shelley shared her favorite spiritual devotion, Praying the Rosary. Although Christians and people of other faiths had been using prayer beads for centuries, tradition says that in 1214 St. Dominic had a vision of Mary. She is said to have presented him with the rosary, both the beads and the prayers to be prayed. Praying the Rosary has been a devotional practice of many Catholics and Episcopalians. It is a deeply meditative prayer practice. Mother Shelley brought rosaries for everyone, and led us through several "decades" of the Rosary. It was a deeply prayerful and holy encounter.

This Sunday The Rev. Lucas Mix will teach a class on Qi Jong, which is the Chinese practice of aligning breath, movement, and awareness; it has been practiced for over 4,000 years. Please join us. This will be our fifth and last Lenten Prayer Practice class. After that we move into our celebration of Easter and the meaning of resurrection in our own lives.

Please think about sharing a story about your Lenten prayer journey. If you are shy, you can write about it anonymously in the newsletter. If you are bold, you can share your name or even say a sentence or two during announcements. This sharing will begin in Easter.

Again, please feel free to reach out to me on Sunday mornings, or by phone or email if you have questions or want to talk about this more deeply.

Debbi Rhodes, Seminarian

Musical Theatre

Our own Lucas Wesley will be performing in Bishop Blanchet High School musical "Working" April 12,13,14 at The Moore Theatre. Ticket information and details at <https://www.stgpresents.org/calendar/3049/bishop-blanchet-high-school-s-working>

Rector's Corner

Hello friends,

This has been one of those big juicy weeks with lots of people time and meetings. Sunday I had a full day with both services, and teaching adult ed. Rev. Chris and I also taught catechumenate and did Campus Ministry worship. Monday morning I was at diocesan house working with the team crafting liturgies for clergy conference. Then I ran over to the Cathedral and taught a 2.5 hour class to the smart young folks in the Episcopal Service Corps program. (I may have unintentionally rebooked myself. I received an e-mail afterward that I was the favorite presenter this year - now they want me back! We'll see.) I went directly from there to Ida Culver House, where I got to see Bea. I then came back to church for an evening meeting with a catechumen considering confirmation. Tuesday I got to see most of Bach's Lunch before needing to leave early to meet with a Christ Church member who will be baptized at Easter Vigil. Please pray mightily for Zackary, a second-year law student, who is making this momentous choice, and attend Easter Vigil to support him in his new life in Christ. Then some paperwork, admin work, working out a possible intern for next year, doing financial logistics with the Province VIII folks, solidifying plans for Cathedral Day, and working on Holy Week liturgies. Finally, I had two evening meetings in a row, getting home around 10, working out how Christ Church and the diocese are or should be in relationship with the ELCA Synod and the Lutheran Campus Ministries board. We have never formalized a relationship, and we probably should, as both groups are thinking seriously about building projects right now. So we are starting the slow work on that. Wednesday morning I got to talk with Karen Gayle about sitting down with her and Kathy to make a plan for their dad's memorial. Then I had a long, fantastic warden's meeting where we sifted through the Vestry's to-do list and made sure we were remaining accountable to our commitments, plus some personnel conversations. Then just in the office, packing for Prov, writing e-mails to newcomers, working through building requests, some work with the bishop, etc. Wednesday evening I spend with the students as normal, for Bible study and dinner. Thursday this week I am off, as I will work a solid 7-day stretch beginning Friday in Santa Barbara with the students. Next week is staff meeting and Vestry - don't forget that Peace on the Streets by Kids on the Streets is coming to present to the Vestry Tuesday night. If you want to hear about them, and what they could do in our building, please come.

Peace,

Shelly

Dinner for Campus Ministry

Do you like to go grocery shopping? Do you want to support our UW students? We need your help!

On the second Wednesday of every month Christ Church provides dinner for our students at Campus Ministry. Our next time serving is on April 10th. We are going to be serving gluten-free vegetarian chili and cornbread.

Would you like to go shopping and donate some of the food that is needed?

For this dinner we will need: 2 onions, a head of celery, 2 green peppers, 2 jalapeños, 2 cans of chopped green peppers, 6 (28 oz cans) of crushed tomatoes, 2 (15oz) cans of kidney beans, 2 (15 oz) cans of garbanzo beans, and 2 (15 oz) cans of black beans. We'll provide the rest.

You can drop off any items at Wilson Kitchen at Christ Church before Wednesday. Let Chris McPeak know what you will be bringing and when you will be dropping it off. This is a great way for you to show your support for the youth in our midst and care for our students.

Elizabeth Gregory Home

Current Needs

Grocery bags, washed to-go food containers with secure lids, and water bottles are ongoing needs for EGH. We always need backpacks, purses, and luggage with pull handles. We are currently in need of fleece blankets (new or used). EGH appreciates the generosity CEC members have shown. (The only items we cannot use are colognes, clothes hangers, bar soap, and medicines of any kind.)